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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 19 Percent From Last Year

On July 1, 2009, Arizona had 287,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 69,000 head from a year ago and down 14,000 head from last month. This is the lowest inventory since December, 2003. Placements totaled 21,000 head during June, a decrease of 11,000 head from a year ago. During June, the number of head marketed was 34,000, a decrease of 6,000 head from last year.

On July 1, 2009, California had 460,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 60,000 head from last year and down 10,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 43,000 head during June, a decrease of 9,000 head from June 2008. Marketings of fed cattle totaled 51,000 head, a decrease of 4,000 head from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.8 million head on July 1, 2009. The inventory was 5 percent below July 1, 2008. The inventory included 5.99 million steers and steer calves, down 7 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.72 million head, down 3 percent from 2008.

Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.39 million, 8 percent below 2008. Net placements were 1.33 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 315,000, 600-699 pounds were 290,000, 700-799 pounds were 371,000 and 800 pounds and greater were 415,000. This is the second lowest placements for the month of June since the series began in 1996.

Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 1.99 million, 1 percent above 2008. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of June since the series began in 1996.

Other disappearance totaled 57,000 during June, 5 percent below 2008.

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